

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 23 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 24 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 23 Dec 2023 at 03:47

Confidence: High confidence for a continuation of windy conditions over Christmas, winds easing for Boxing Day. Confidence is lower for amount of showers and rainfall over the weekend.

Headline for Saturday 23 Dec 2023: Outbreaks of rain, more frequent in the west, perhaps drier during the middle of the day but widespread gales likely, often poor visibility.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 23 Dec 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Dull	Dull	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
40%	30%	30%	30%	60%	80%

Forecast for Saturday 23 Dec 2023

Weather: Light rain at times today, especially across western areas until late afternoon when the rain will become more widespread and perhaps locally heavy. Remaining overcast and quite dull with gales, although the odd brighter spell may develop towards the east.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 30%, although 60% across eastern areas until late afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Low cloud will affect the area for much of today becoming more extensive later this afternoon. Scattered layers of broken cloud above 500m can be expected in the west, perhaps a few breaks further east. Visibility will also be moderate or poor at times during rain. However, in drier areas below the cloud very good visibility with distant hills clearly seen.

Forecast for Saturday 23 Dec 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	31/40 W	31/41 W	31/42 W	29/40 W	32/44 W	35/47 SW	33/44 SW
300	16/34 W	18/36 W	19/38 W	18/36 W	20/40 W	21/43 SW	20/41 SW
Valley	15/34 W	17/36 W	18/38 W	18/37 W	19/39 W	20/42 SW	18/39 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	5/-1	6/-1	6/-0	6/0	6/0	7/2	8/3
300	8/4	8/4	8/4	8/5	8/4	9/5	10/6
Valley	8/5	9/5	9/6	9/6	9/5	9/6	10/7
Freezing Level*	1400m	1500m	2100m	2300m	2400m	2600m	3200m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Meteorologist's View

Another very windy day with gales at height making progress difficult. Feeling cold in rain and very strong winds.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
03:00 on Sat 23 Dec 2023	1.8mm	5mm	8.4mm

Forecast for Sunday 24 Dec 2023

Weather: A wet morning expected with some persistent rain, heavy at times, but turning lighter during the afternoon. Through the evening drier and clearer conditions may arrive from the north. Strong winds expected again. Gales on the higher ground making progress difficult.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30-35mph with gusts 45-50mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: 10-30% perhaps increasing to 80% during the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Broken or overcast cloud layers above 400m may lift and clear later in the day. Visibility will be moderate or poor initially but will improved moderate or good later, perhaps very good.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 10 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above all summits.